



I. PURPOSE

(1) The purpose of the following rules is to address public safety concerns on the Clark Fork River around Grant Kohrs National Historic Site (specifically Arrowhead Park to “Vet Clinic”) associated with cleanup efforts by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

(2) The Department will close a portion of the Clark Fork River from Arrowhead Park to the site commonly known as “Vet Clinic” from October 2018 through October 2020 to ensure public safety while DEQ performs cleanup activities.

II. CLARK FORK RIVER GRANT-KOHR'S DEQ CLOSURE

(1) The department will close the Clark Fork River to all public occupation and recreation including, but not limited to, floating, swimming, wading, and boating from Arrowhead Park to “Vet Clinic” from October 2018 to October 2020.

(2) The department may reopen the Clark Fork River prior to October 2020 when:

(a) DEQ indicates that conditions are safe; and

(b) the department determines the closure is no longer necessary.

(3) This rule does not affect any rules that may be adopted to address unforeseen temporary, emergency situations.

III. EXCEPTIONS TO RIVER CLOSURES

(1) The general exceptions and applications identified in 12.11.505, ARM, apply to this rule.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION OF THESE RULES

(1) These rules are effective upon final approval of the commission.

(2) These rules expire two years after final approval of the commission.

(3) These rules may be amended or repealed upon approval of the commission.

(4) Prior to expiration, the commission may extend the effective date.